Journal of the House

Wednesday, March 30, 2016

At one o'clock in the afternoon the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Sheila and Jim Dooley, Alzheimer's Association Advocates, Franklin County.

Senate Bill Referred

S. 220

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to the public financing of campaigns

Was read and referred to the committee on Government Operations.

Bills Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

House bills of the following titles, appearing on the Calendar, affecting the revenue of the state, under the rule, were referred to the Committee on Ways and Means:

H. 865

House bill, entitled

An act relating to promoting workforce housing

H. 870

House bill, entitled

An act relating to telecommunications

Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence

J.R.S. 49

By Senators Baruth and Benning,

J.R.S. 49. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, April 1, 2016, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, April 5, 2016.

Was taken up read and adopted in concurrence.

Bill Amended, Read Third Time and Passed H. 876

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the transportation capital program and miscellaneous changes to transportation-related law

Was taken up and pending third reading of the bill, **Rep. Krebs of South Hero** moved to amend the bill as follows:

bill be amended in Sec. 35, 19 V.S.A. § 44, in subsection (b), by striking out subdivisions (5) and (6) in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

- (5) a representative of the Vermont Association of Planning and Development Agencies;
 - (6) a representative of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns; and
- (7) a land surveyor licensed under 26 V.S.A. chapter 45 designated by the Vermont Society of Land Surveyors.

Which was agreed to.

Pending third reading of the bill, **Rep. Hooper of Montpelier** moved to amend the bill as follows:

In Sec. 7, in 23 V.S.A. § 3734(a)(4)(B), by adding a second sentence to read: "'Railroad property" also does not include any real property owned or leased by a railroad carrier that is a roadbed, or that is located on either side of a roadbed, from which tracks are currently removed."

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon, the bill was read the third time.

Pending the question, Shall the bill pass? **Rep. Webb of Shelburne** demanded the Yeas and Nays, which demand was sustained by the Constitutional number. The Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the bill pass? was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 124. Nays, 19.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Ancel of Calais Bancroft of Westford Bartholomew of Hartland Baser of Bristol Batchelor of Derby Beck of St. Johnsbury Berry of Manchester Beyor of Highgate Bissonnette of Winooski Botzow of Pownal Branagan of Georgia Brennan of Colchester Briglin of Thetford Browning of Arlington Burke of Brattleboro Buxton of Tunbridge Carr of Brandon Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs Clarkson of Woodstock Cole of Burlington Condon of Colchester Connor of Fairfield Conquest of Newbury Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford Corcoran of Bennington Dakin of Chester Dakin of Colchester Davis of Washington Deen of Westminster Devereux of Mount Holly Dickinson of St. Albans Town Donahue of Northfield Donovan of Burlington Eastman of Orwell **Emmons of Springfield** Evans of Essex Fagan of Rutland City Feltus of Lyndon Forguites of Springfield Frank of Underhill French of Randolph Gonzalez of Winooski Haas of Rochester Head of South Burlington Helm of Fair Haven Hooper of Montpelier Huntley of Cavendish Jerman of Essex Jewett of Ripton Johnson of South Hero Juskiewicz of Cambridge

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Those who voted in the negative are:

Burditt of West Rutland Canfield of Fair Haven Cupoli of Rutland City Dame of Essex Fiske of Enosburgh Gage of Rutland City Graham of Williamstown Greshin of Warren Hebert of Vernon Higley of Lowell Hubert of Milton Komline of Dorset Lawrence of Lyndon Martel of Waterford Savage of Swanton Strong of Albany Terenzini of Rutland Town Turner of Milton Wright of Burlington Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are:

Christie of Hartford Gamache of Swanton Olsen of Londonderry Fields of Bennington Grad of Moretown Purvis of Colchester

Rep. Russell of Rutland City explained his vote as follows:

"Mr. Speaker:

Jobs, economic development and infrastructure are why I vote 'yes' – moving transportation forward for Vermont!"

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 877

House bill, entitled

An act relating to transportation funding

Was taken up and read the third time.

Pending the question, Shall the bill pass? **Rep. Turner of Milton** demanded the Yeas and Nays, which demand was sustained by the Constitutional number. The Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the bill pass? was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 104. Nays, 40.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Ancel of Calais
Bartholomew of Hartland
Baser of Bristol
Beck of St. Johnsbury
Berry of Manchester
Bissonnette of Winooski
Botzow of Pownal
Branagan of Georgia *
Brennan of Colchester
Briglin of Thetford
Browning of Arlington
Burke of Brattleboro
Buxton of Tunbridge
Carr of Brandon

Middletown Springs
Clarkson of Woodstock
Cole of Burlington
Condon of Colchester
Connor of Fairfield
Conquest of Newbury
Copeland-Hanzas of
Bradford
Corcoran of Bennington
Dakin of Chester
Dakin of Colchester
Davis of Washington
Deen of Westminster

Chesnut-Tangerman of

Donahue of Northfield
Donovan of Burlington
Emmons of Springfield
Evans of Essex
Fagan of Rutland City
Feltus of Lyndon
Forguites of Springfield
Frank of Underhill
French of Randolph
Gonzalez of Winooski
Haas of Rochester
Head of South Burlington
Hooper of Montpelier
Huntley of Cavendish

Jerman of Essex Jewett of Ripton Johnson of South Hero Juskiewicz of Cambridge Keenan of St. Albans City Kitzmiller of Montpelier Klein of East Montpelier Krebs of South Hero Krowinski of Burlington Lalonde of South Burlington Lanpher of Vergennes Lefebvre of Newark Lenes of Shelburne Lippert of Hinesburg Long of Newfane Lucke of Hartford Macaig of Williston Manwaring of Wilmington Martel of Waterford Martin of Wolcott Masland of Thetford McCormack of Burlington

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Shaw of Derby Sheldon of Middlebury Sibilia of Dover Stevens of Waterbury Stuart of Brattleboro Sullivan of Burlington Sweaney of Windsor Till of Jericho Toleno of Brattleboro Toll of Danville Townsend of South Burlington Trieber of Rockingham Troiano of Stannard Walz of Barre City Webb of Shelburne Wood of Waterbury Woodward of Johnson Yantachka of Charlotte Young of Glover * Zagar of Barnard

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bancroft of Westford
Batchelor of Derby
Beyor of Highgate
Burditt of West Rutland
Canfield of Fair Haven
Cupoli of Rutland City
Dame of Essex
Devereux of Mount Holly
Dickinson of St. Albans
Town
Eastman of Orwell
Fiske of Enosburgh
Gage of Rutland City
Graham of Williamstown

Greshin of Warren
Hebert of Vernon
Helm of Fair Haven
Higley of Lowell
Hubert of Milton
Komline of Dorset
LaClair of Barre Town
Lawrence of Lyndon
Lewis of Berlin
Marcotte of Coventry
McCoy of Poultney
McFaun of Barre Town
Morrissey of Bennington
Myers of Essex

Parent of St. Albans Town
Quimby of Concord
Savage of Swanton
Shaw of Pittsford
Smith of New Haven
Strong of Albany
Tate of Mendon
Terenzini of Rutland Town
Turner of Milton *
Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh
Viens of Newport City
Willhoit of St. Johnsbury
Wright of Burlington

Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are: Christie of Hartford Gamache of Swanton Purvis of Colchester Fields of Bennington Grad of Moretown

Rep. Branagan of Georgia explained her vote as follows:

"Mr. Speaker:

The most important components in efforts to attract business and economic development to our state are (1) an educated and willing workforce, (2) communication infrastructure, (3) presence of an international airport, (4) a well maintained transportation infrastructure. This revenue is vital to the future of Vermont."

Rep. Turner of Milton explained his vote as follows:

"Mr. Speaker:

This bill raises more than 11.5 million dollars in new or additional transportation fees. This will increase the burden and cost of living for all hardworking and struggling Vermonters. Many of Vermonters have said loud and clear that it already costs far too much to live in Vermont. Thank you."

Rep. Young of Glover explained his vote as follows:

"Mr. Speaker:

There is a connection between the Transportation Bill and supporting the funds to do the work. You can't have one without the other."

Bill Amended, Read Third Time and Passed H. 853

House bill, entitled

An act relating to setting the nonresidential property tax rate, the property dollar equivalent yield, and the income dollar equivalent yield for fiscal year 2017, and other education changes

Was taken up and pending third reading of the bill, **Rep. Browning of Arlington** moved to amend the bill as follows:

Bill be amended by inserting a Sec. 9c to read as follows:

Sec. 9c. REPORT ON THE IMPACT OF H.353 OF 2013

(a) On or before November 15, 2016, the Joint Fiscal Office, with the assistance of the Office of Legislative Council and the Department of Taxes, shall issue a report analyzing the impact of H.353 of 2013, an act relating to eliminating tax expenditures. The report shall be delivered to the Senate Committees on Finance and on Education and the House Committees on Ways and Means and on Education.

(b) The report shall address:

(1) how the removal of most tax expenditures as described in H.353 would affect base education property tax rates, including the amount by which they could be reduced;

- (2) how much the replacement programs to fulfill the policy goals of property tax expenditures that need to be replaced will cost the General Fund, considering the reduction in property tax rates and any pre-existing General Fund allocations to those programs;
- (3) how income tax rate brackets could be reduced in a way that would preserve progressivity and how to design a base credit to replace the policy goals of some of the special provisions eliminated;
 - (4) any transition issues created by the proposed changes; and
 - (5) any related issues identified by the Joint Fiscal Office.

Thereupon, **Rep. Deen of Westminster** raised a Point of Order in that the amendment was not germane to the underlying bill, which Point of Order the Speaker ruled well taken.

Pending third reading of the bill, **Reps. Sibilia of Dover and Olsen of Londonderry** moved to amend the bill as follows:

By inserting a Sec. 9c to read:

Sec. 9c. REPORT ON AN ANALYSIS OF WEIGHTING FACTORS

The Agency of Education, with the assistance of other executive agencies, shall report to the General Assembly with recommendations on how to analyze the weighting factors that are used to determine equalized pupil counts under 16 V.S.A. § 4010, and how to analyze the effect of those weighting factors on educational opportunities. The report shall also consider how best to analyze whether any additional weighting factors beyond those currently listed in statute, including population density, could be used to provide education opportunities more equitably. The report shall include recommendations related to the staffing, cost, and data needs of such a study. The report shall be submitted to the Senate and House Committees on Education on or before December 15, 2016.

Which was agreed to and the bill was read the third time.

Pending the question, Shall the bill pass? **Rep. Browning of Arlington** demanded the Yeas and Nays, which demand was sustained by the Constitutional number. The Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the bill pass? was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 98. Nays, 45.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Ancel of Calais

Berry of Manchester

Burke of Brattleboro

Bancroft of Westford

Bissonnette of Winooski

Buxton of Tunbridge

Bartholomew of Hartland

Botzow of Pownal

Branagan of Georgia

Branagan of Georgia

Briglin of Thetford

Cole of Burlington

Condon of Colchester Connor of Fairfield Conquest of Newbury Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford Corcoran of Bennington Cupoli of Rutland City Dakin of Chester Dakin of Colchester Deen of Westminster Donovan of Burlington Eastman of Orwell **Emmons of Springfield** Evans of Essex Feltus of Lyndon Forguites of Springfield Frank of Underhill French of Randolph Gonzalez of Winooski Greshin of Warren Head of South Burlington Hooper of Montpelier Huntley of Cavendish Jerman of Essex Jewett of Ripton Johnson of South Hero Juskiewicz of Cambridge Keenan of St. Albans City Kitzmiller of Montpelier

Klein of East Montpelier Komline of Dorset Krebs of South Hero Krowinski of Burlington Lalonde of South Burlington Lanpher of Vergennes Lefebvre of Newark Lenes of Shelburne Long of Newfane Lucke of Hartford Macaig of Williston Manwaring of Wilmington Masland of Thetford McCormack of Burlington McCullough of Williston Miller of Shaftsbury Morris of Bennington Mrowicki of Putney Murphy of Fairfax Nuovo of Middlebury O'Brien of Richmond Olsen of Londonderry O'Sullivan of Burlington Partridge of Windham Patt of Worcester Pearson of Burlington Poirier of Barre City Potter of Clarendon Pugh of South Burlington

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Those who voted in the negative are:

Batchelor of Derby Beyor of Highgate Brennan of Colchester Browning of Arlington * Burditt of West Rutland Canfield of Fair Haven Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs Dame of Essex Davis of Washington Devereux of Mount Holly Dickinson of St. Albans Town Donahue of Northfield Fagan of Rutland City Fiske of Enosburgh

Gage of Rutland City Graham of Williamstown Haas of Rochester Hebert of Vernon Helm of Fair Haven Higley of Lowell **Hubert of Milton** LaClair of Barre Town Lawrence of Lyndon Lewis of Berlin Marcotte of Coventry Martel of Waterford Martin of Wolcott McCoy of Poultney McFaun of Barre Town Morrissey of Bennington

Myers of Essex
Parent of St. Albans Town
Pearce of Richford
Quimby of Concord
Savage of Swanton
Scheuermann of Stowe
Shaw of Pittsford
Shaw of Derby
Smith of New Haven
Strong of Albany
Tate of Mendon
Terenzini of Rutland Town
Turner of Milton *
Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh
Viens of Newport City

Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are:

Christie of Hartford Gamache of Swanton Lippert of Hinesburg
Fields of Bennington Grad of Moretown Purvis of Colchester

Rep. Browning of Arlington explained her vote as follows:

"Mr. Speaker:

I vote no despite the several useful components of this bill because it fails to meet the needs of Vermonters. It fails to loosen the merger requirements that are making it difficult for some districts to find partners for consolidation. It fails to remove the threat of forced merger by the State Board of Education that hangs over our school boards. It fails to fully explore possible alternative approaches to the reform and renewal of our education finance system. It fails to hold the state responsible for paying for its own policies, instead shifting those costs onto property taxpayers. H.853 fails Vermonters."

Rep. Turner of Milton explained his vote as follows:

"Mr. Speaker:

We could have given all Vermont property tax payers a much needed reduction in their property tax rates had this body not modified Act 46 in the early morning hours of January 30, 2016. Thank you."

Bill Read Second Time; Third Reading Ordered H. 879

Rep. Till of Jericho spoke for the committee on Ways & Means.

House bill entitled

An act relating to the Health Care Fund contribution assessment and the taxation of e-cigarettes

Having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up and read the second time.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? **Rep. Helm of Fair Haven** moved that the bill be committed to the committee on Health Care, which was disagreed to on a Division vote. Yeas, 44. Nays, 64.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time? **Rep. Poirier of Barre City** demanded the yeas and nays, which demand was sustained by the Constitutional number.

Pending the call of the roll, **Rep. Hebert of Vernon** moved to commit the bill to the committee on Human Services.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be committed to the Committee on Human Services? **Rep. Turner of Milton** demanded the Yeas and Nays, which demand was sustained by the Constitutional number. The Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the bill be committed to the Committee on Human Services? was decided in the negative. Yeas, 56. Nays, 83.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bancroft of Westford Batchelor of Derby Beck of St. Johnsbury Beyor of Highgate Bissonnette of Winooski Brennan of Colchester Browning of Arlington Burditt of West Rutland Canfield of Fair Haven Condon of Colchester Corcoran of Bennington Cupoli of Rutland City Dame of Essex Devereux of Mount Holly Dickinson of St. Albans Town Donahue of Northfield Eastman of Orwell Fagan of Rutland City

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Those who voted in the negative are:

Ancel of Calais Bartholomew of Hartland Baser of Bristol Berry of Manchester Botzow of Pownal Branagan of Georgia Burke of Brattleboro Buxton of Tunbridge Carr of Brandon Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs Clarkson of Woodstock Cole of Burlington Connor of Fairfield Conquest of Newbury Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford Dakin of Chester Dakin of Colchester

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Stevens of Waterbury Trieber of Rockingham

Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are:

Briglin of Thetford Grad of Moretown Shaw of Derby
Christie of Hartford Partridge of Windham Strong of Albany
Fields of Reppington Push of South Burlington

Fields of Bennington Pugh of South Burlington Gamache of Swanton Purvis of Colchester

Rep. Hebert of Vernon explained his vote as follows:

"Mr. Speaker:

Many people outside this building have little faith in what we do here. Our not following process is a major reason why they don't."

Rep. Hubert of Milton explained his vote as follows:

"Mr. Speaker:

This bill should have been sent to the committee of jurisdiction and not the tax committee."

Rep. Till of Jericho explained his vote as follows:

"Mr. Speaker:

This is purely a tax bill. It changes no other policy. Why should it go to the Human Services Committee?"

Rep. Viens of Newport City explained his vote as follows:

"Mr. Speaker:

I have never smoked. Twenty four years ago I was married to a smoker. She tried to quit many times with no luck. She died at the age of 42. Cause of death – plaque in main artery near the heart. Not sure if e-cigarettes would have worked to help her stop smoking and we will never know. The Vermont legislature – the best business partner New Hampshire has ever had!"

Thereupon, the Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the bill be read the third time was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 83. Nay, 54.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Ancel of Calais Bartholomew of Hartland Baser of Bristol Berry of Manchester Bissonnette of Winooski Botzow of Pownal Branagan of Georgia Browning of Arlington Burke of Brattleboro Carr of Brandon Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs Clarkson of Woodstock Cole of Burlington Connor of Fairfield Conquest of Newbury Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford Dakin of Chester Dakin of Colchester Deen of Westminster Donovan of Burlington **Emmons of Springfield** Evans of Essex Frank of Underhill French of Randolph Gonzalez of Winooski Greshin of Warren Haas of Rochester

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Those who voted in the negative are:

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Davis of Washington Pugh of South Burlington Town
Fields of Bennington Purvis of Colchester

Gamache of Swanton Shaw of Derby

Rep. Donahue of Northfield explained her vote as follows:

"Mr. Speaker:

All I heard in debate was how bad tobacco is for our health. Yet we have a bill before us that taxes tobacco substitutes, not tobacco, and which its reporter tells us is not about health: 'It's purely a tax bill.'"

Rep. Mrowicki of Putney explained his vote as follows:

"Mr. Speaker:

My vote supports the work of your committee as this issue has been to the Human Services Committee and the evidence and testimony we heard led the committee to include vaping in the bans on public and workplace use we already have in statute for tobacco.

Along with the testimony of physicians I was convinced when I saw the name of the company pushing this product, RJ Reynolds. We have heard their claims about their products' safety before and so I was convinced to vote for this."

Rep. Turner of Milton explained his vote as follows:

"Mr. Speaker:

This vote is not about Vermonters' health. When explaining why the bill did not go to the Health or Human Services committees, said best by the presenter of the bill: this is not a health bill, it is simply a tax bill. A bill that assesses another tax or Vermonters! Thank you."

Adjournment

At four o'clock and forty-four minutes in the afternoon, on motion of Rep. Turner of Milton, the House adjourned until tomorrow at one o'clock in the afternoon.